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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER TO TURKISH PRIME MINISTER

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CONGRESSIONAL LETTER WHICH
AMBASSADOR SPIERS DELIVERED TO TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT
IN BRUSSELS (PARA 2 USNATO 5307). LETTER WAS CONCEIVED BY
LEE HAMILTON AND STEVE SOLARZ AS MEANS OF SIGNALING THEIR
APPROVAL OF TURKISH-CYPRIOI STATEMENT OF MAY 22 AS WELL AS
THEIR SENSE THAT EFFORT IN CONGRESS TO LIFT TURKISH EMBARGO
WILL SUCCEED. LETTER WAS SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN ZABLOCKI,
AND CONGRESSMEN BROOMFIELD, HAMILTON, SOLARZ, BINGHAM,
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BUCHANAN AND FINDLEY.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: WE BELIEVE YOUR
VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES WILL PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT
OPPORTUNITY FOR DRAMATIC PROGRESS TOWARDS REBUILDING THE
AMERICAN-TURKISH RELATIONSHIP AND TOWARDS THE RESOLUTION
OF THE INTERWOVEN AND COMPLEX PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE FOR TOO

LONG PLAGUED THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AREA.

THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY UNDERTAKEN TO CONTRIBUTE TO THESE IMPORTANT GOALS. YOU HAVE OUR ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE OUR OWN ENERGETIC EFFORTS TO CARRY THE PROGRAM THROUGH TO A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME IN

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WE THINK, MOREOVER, THAT OUR EFFORTS CAN SUCCEED, A VIEW STRENGTHENED BY READING THE STATEMENT WHICH MR. DENKTASH, THE LEADER OF THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT COMMUNITY ISSUED IN NEW YORK ON MAY 22.

MR. DENKTASH'S STATEMENT IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION OF GOOD FAITH AND FLEXIBILITY THAT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE SEARCHING FOR. FOR THEY, LIKE YOU, WISH A SPEEDY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. WE HOPE YOU WILL USE YOUR OWN MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK TO REITERATE THE TURKISH POSITION WITH RESPECT TO CYPRUS IN THE SAME POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER WHICH MR. DENKTASH HAS DISPLAYED. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING AND TALKING WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON. END QUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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